

Remarks

Claims 1-41 are currently pending. Claims 1, 30, 37, and 41 are independent. Claims 30 and 31 are currently amended. Claims 42-47 are new. Support for claims 42-47 can be found, for example, in Figures 3A and 3B, and in paragraphs [0057] - [0059] of the specification. No new matter is added.

In the Office Action, dated October 5, 2006, the Examiner has required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of one of the following species, each of which she asserts to be patentably distinct: Species I (Figure 1), Species II (Figures 3A and 3B), Species III (Figures 4A and 4B), Species IV (Figures 7A and 7B), Species VI (Figures 8A and 8B), Species VII (Figure 9), Species VIII (Figures 10A and 10B), Species IX (Figures 11A -11D), Species X (Figures 11E-11H), Species XI (Figures 2 and 12-15).

Applicants hereby elect Species II, as shown in the embodiments of Figures 3A and 3B, for search purposes only. The Action indicates that independent claims 1, 30, and 41 are generic. Additionally, Applicants submit that independent claim 37 and dependent claims 2-4, 7, 8, 12, 16, 23, 24, 31-36, 38-40 and 42-47 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants believe that the claims are now in condition for allowance and early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited. Any questions arising from this submission may be directed to the undersigned at (617) 951-7000.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945 in the amount of \$750.00 covering the fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) and 37 CFR 1.16(i). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. MIY-P01-027 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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